

Cambridge. March 20. 1857

Dear Mr. Brace

I want to secure your influence in Conn. for the introduction of my books, especially the two designed for elementary & general use - viz - the Manual which, only omitting the names, has been reduced to \$1.50 - and the new Lessons in Prose, which serves as a grammar to it, as well as a book for schools generally. The latter - tho' a small book, has a good deal in it, and will pay you for looking it over.

Both the publishers and I shall be obliged if you will notice them - especially the Lessons, with some particularity in the Courant - & mail a copy of the paper to Messrs. Ives & Spinnery, who are the people that undertake to bring the books into educational use -

The printers on the page of the Charter Book secured, most of them, to work the slow rate of growth of an old tree, but

you secure me a piece of the wood
at the circumference of the trunk, — and
also give me the record as to the girth at
the smallest part of the trunk below
the branches;

I have sent her love to you —
sorry not to see you this part winter.
Aunt Mary has not yet been
seen in these parts — to our great
sorrow. —

Yours cordially

A. A. Gray

For Gray
Hewitt & C^o
1857.

To John P. Grace: Esq.
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Hartford, Conn.